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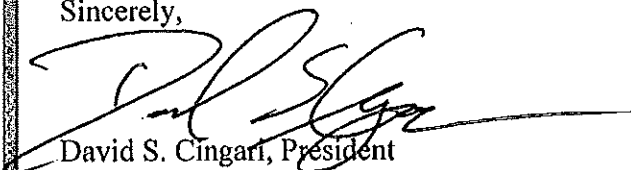
TESTIMONY BEFORE THE ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
RE: SB 447
AN ACT MODERNIZING THE STATE'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAWS

My name is David Cingari and I am the owner of David's Soundview Catering. Small business owners have to count every penny that comes in or goes out the door. Small fluctuations in costs mean the difference between profit and loss. Over time, that means the difference between expanding my business and creating jobs or going out of business entirely.

The Telecom Modernization Act that is being considered in the legislature is a bill designed to get rid of many of outdated and redundant regulations, and I write you today to urge you to support this important legislation. I do so for two reasons – first, I know from experience how much these regulations can do to waste time and money and to restrain growth. And at a time when too many of our friends and neighbors around the state are out of work, we need to do all that we can to spur, not retard, growth. Second, while I am not a provider of telecom services, I am a consumer in more ways than one and so the costs of these unnecessary regulations are reflected in my monthly bills.

I sincerely hope that the worst of this recession is behind us. We need to do all that we can to cut down the red tape that does little more than waste resources that could otherwise be put to constructive uses like creating jobs--especially when this red tape increases costs for end users of telecom services like me. The proposals in this bill are common sense solutions to redundant and outdated regulations, and so I urge you to support this cost-saving legislation.

Sincerely,



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